

# Reinhardt University

## Percussion Ensemble Syllabus

MUE 113 010, MUE 113 020

Thursday  
Spring 2024

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**Location:** MC/FPAC/111

**Office:** MC/FPAC/113  
**Office Hours:** By Appointment  
**Class Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm

### **Course Description:**

This course promotes the study and performance of contemporary works written for orchestral percussion instruments, while focusing on technique development, musicality and expression, tone production, and performance presence. It also addresses vernacular traditions such as Afro-Cuban drumming, Caribbean steel drums, and hand drums.

### **Course Goals:**

1. Develop an understanding and mastery of advanced percussion techniques and concepts on a range of western and non-western percussion instruments.
2. Improve and heighten chamber music performance techniques.
3. Improve understanding of rhythm, pitch dynamics, phrasing and musical touch.
4. Develop an understanding of the range of percussion repertoire in various styles from the early 20th century to the present.

### **Attendance:**

Students are expected to be at every rehearsal, in which they are involved. Unexcused absences are not allowed, and therefore will result in **lowering of the students' final grade by one letter grade (A becomes B, etc.)**. Students must inform Dr. King of any absence from percussion ensemble rehearsal with 24-hour notice.

If the Percussion Ensemble is rehearsing a piece that you are not performing in, it is expected that you are in the building practicing/rehearsing your Percussion Ensemble repertoire during rehearsal time, unless otherwise cleared by Dr. King.

### **Personal Practice and Development of Musical Skills:**

All students are required to practice AT MINIMUM the number of hours they are registered for (i.e. 2 credit hours=2 practice hours per day (ideally 2-4 hours per day)).

### **Two-Hour Practice Session Formula:**

First thirty-minutes=warmup and develop technique  
Second thirty-minutes=practice developing sight-reading skills  
Last hour=practice solo and/or chamber literature that is currently being prepared.

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## **REQUIRED DATES:**

**Concert Date:**

**Thursday April, 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

**Setup Stage/Touchup Rehearsal:**

**Thursday April, 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-7:00pm**

**Dress Rehearsal:**

**Wednesday April, 17<sup>th</sup> Time TBA**

## **Sectionals:**

During the semester, students are **REQUIRED** to schedule an hour sectional each week for each piece they are on. For example, if you are performing in two pieces, you and your ensemble members are required to rehearse two hours (minimum) each week outside of Tuesday/Thursday rehearsals; one hour per piece.

## **E-mail:**

The instructor will use the **REINHARDT email system** for contacting students outside of class. Each student is required to check their email daily so that they do not miss any important announcements from the instructor. The instructor is not responsible for information that is missed because a student failed to check their email daily.

## **Assignments:**

Students are expected to come prepared to all rehearsals with **NOTES LEARNED**.

**ALL STUDENTS** are expected to prepare the repertoire that is being performed for the term concert. Students are expected to show up rehearsal early to move equipment and have instrumentation set up ahead of downbeat so rehearsal can start at 6:00pm.

## **Grading Policy:**

Preparedness for Rehearsal:	70%
Concert Performance:	20%
Rehearsal Attendance:	<u>10%</u>
	100%

## **Statement on Health and Safety Issues for All Musicians:**

The Reinhardt University School of the Arts, per the standards of the National Association of Schools of Music, is required to inform students and faculty of health and safety issues, hazards, and procedures inherent in practice, performance, teaching, and listening both in general and as applicable to specific specializations. This includes, but is not limited to, information regarding hearing, vocal and musculoskeletal health, injury prevention, and the use, proper handling and operation of potentially dangerous materials, equipment, and technology. Please read and follow the guidelines found in the SOPA Student Handbook, p. 53, to maintain best practices for musicians' health and safety concerns:

<https://www.reinhardt.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2019/01/SoPA-Handbook.pdf>

## **The Center for Student Success**

The Center for Student Success, located in room 035 of Lawson, offers free peer and faculty tutoring for all subjects. To make an appointment, go to Reinhardt's homepage and check on Academics and on the next screen, click The Center for Student Success. This next page enables you to see tutors and times available for each subject area. At the bottom of the left column, click

on Student Appointment Form. Fill in all required fields, signaled by a red dot, and submit your request. Dr. Emanuel will contact you within the same day to confirm your appointment.

### **Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a documented disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Academic Support Office (ASO).

Reinhardt University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Therefore, if you are seeking classroom accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are required to register with the Academic Support Office (ASO). ASO is located in the basement of Lawson Building. Phone is 7707205567. To receive academic accommodations for this class, please obtain the proper ASO letters/forms.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Students with diagnosed disabilities may contact the Academic Support Office (ASO) in the Lawson Building (5567) regarding the submission of required documentation and the arrangement of academic accommodation. Your professor may assist in making this contact.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, and to abide by the Reinhardt Honor Code. Also, all students are expected to be familiar with the Reinhardt policy on academic dishonesty stated in the University Catalog and in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism (using the ideas and phrases of others without crediting them, therefore claiming those ideas and phrases as your own) will not be tolerated in this course or on this campus. To avoid such academic dishonesty, you must use a citation (footnote or in text) for all ideas drawn from your reading and research, including research in encyclopedias and online, even when you have restated those ideas in your own words.

Refer to the Reinhardt University Academic Catalog, 2023-2024, for a listing of unacceptable forms of academic behavior.

### **Civility**

Students are expected to communicate in a civil manner in academic interactions at all times, both in and out of the classroom. This means that interactions are to be carried out in a polite, courteous, and dignified manner, which is respectful and understanding toward both peers and instructors. Unbiased and non-discriminatory actions that reflect the utmost respect for one another, regardless of race, gender, religion, disability, or sexual orientation are mandatory. Failure to behave in a civil manner may result in disciplinary actions.

### **COVID-19 statement for syllabus:**

Important:

All students, faculty, staff and administration at Reinhardt University are subject to changes in

policies if mandated by the State of Georgia. Current policies and procedures can be found at <https://www.reinhardt.edu/back-to-campus>

If you have any questions, please refer to the website or contact Reinhardt University at the numbers below.

**Campus Nurse** within the Student Health Center [nurse@reinhardt.edu](mailto:nurse@reinhardt.edu), 770-720-5542 or [www.reinhardt.edu/nurse](http://www.reinhardt.edu/nurse).

**Public Safety** Non-Emergency Phone: 770.720.5789 Emergency Phone: 770.720.5911  
[publicsafety@reinhardt.edu](mailto:publicsafety@reinhardt.edu)

**Dean of Students** [deanofstudents@reinhardt.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@reinhardt.edu), 770-720-5540

**Office of the Provost** [provost@reinhardt.edu](mailto:provost@reinhardt.edu), 770-720-9102.

**The instructor reserves the right to alter this syllabus as necessary.**